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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 27th May, 2017

No.13634-HE-FE1B-POLICY-0023/2016/HE.— Whereas, the Odisha State Open University Act, 2014 (Odisha Act 5 of 2015) (herein referred to as the Act) came into force on the 10th June, 2015;

And, whereas, the provisions contained in Section 10 provides for appointment of Vice-Chancellor;

And, whereas, sub-section (2) of Section 10 of the Act provides for constitution of a committee which will select persons and recommend to the Chancellor for appointment of Vice-Chancellor;

And, whereas, the committee referred to in sub-section (2), *inter alia*, consists of one member to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Distance Education Councils;

And, whereas, the Distance Education Council of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been dissolved and its role and all responsibilities will now be performed by the University Grants Commission (UGC);

And, whereas, difficulties arises regarding compliance of the provisions contained in sub-section (2) of Section 10 of the Act so far it relates to constitution of the committee for selection of Vice-Chancellor ;

And, whereas, the State Government consider it necessary to replace one member to be nominated by the Chairperson of the University Grants Commission in place of one member to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Distance Education Council for constitution of a committee under sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Act;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 49 of the Act, the State Government do hereby make the following order to remove the aforesaid difficulties, namely:—

1. (1) This order may be called the Odisha State Open University (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In clause (ii) of sub-section (2) of Section 10 of the Act, for the words “Distance Education Council”, the words “University Grants Commission” shall be substituted.

By Order of the Governor

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